

whether the waves on an electrocardiogram are produced in the heart-muscle, or due to a nearby vacuum cleaner or a passing tramcar. You will find that these devices will not help you when you are confronted with disease far from the resources of a modern hospital. The only thing that matters is whether or not you have taken heed to the lesson first taught in the Eastern Mediterranean over two thousand years ago, repeated again by the old Cromwellian captain—"the trooper turned physician," emphasised almost in our own hearing by the Dublin clinicians, and the lesson is this :—

"Go to the bedside—there, and there alone, can you learn disease."

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With First Aid and A.R.P. classes reaching almost a social status, this little book should have an extensive circulation. It is short, concise, and to the point, and as it can easily be carried in the waistcoat pocket, should be an "ever-ready" for every first-aid student. A useful addition to the present, fortieth, edition is a section on air-raid gases and their treatment. The sane outlook in the whole book is expressed in the last paragraph of this section, where it states: "Apart from panic, danger of 'gases' to life and limb is infinitely less than from high explosives." It can be warmly recommended as a safe guide to every first-aid student and worker, and its small price puts it within the reach of all.